NAKED POWER

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Mr. Newbold Noyes Editor, Washington Star

Dear Sir:

Your cartoonist Jim Berryman, one of your journalistic "jingo" fast guns, shot from the hip in his cartoon in the Star of August 6. He depicts a grim "glat-top," guarded by blasting destroyers, launching its bombers against North Viet Nam. From its radio boom the words "Shoot to Destroy!" From its masthead files the Stars and Stripes. (Betsy Ross would die of shame!) The caption below states: "THE ONLY POSSIBLE ANSWER."

This cartoon strikes the key-note of the traditional national and international jour-nalistic policy of "Shoot to Kill," at home and abroad. But why do you turn soft? Why do you not show, behind the carrier and destroyer, the appalling mushroom of H-bomb explosions; the stock-pile of germs and poisoned gasses; the CIA blackmail and bribery of hundreds of billions of dollars in "foreign aid" wrung from our pauperized people to overthrow foreign governments; its assassinations with stilettos, poisons and garrottings; the cold war falsifications of the Harlot press, self-styled "educators" and blasphemous, perverted priests, rabbis and ministers who turn spiritual truths inside out to justify global thievery and murder for the fast back to fill their own treasuries.

And why do you limit yourself to "Shoot to Destroy" (to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression, as stated in Johnson's resolution to a puppet Congress), only against small nations such as North Viet Nam? Why not blast away with your journalistic and congressional propaganda against all of Asia, all of Africa, all of Latin America, all over the world where you have deployed outposts of our armed forced to "Shoot to Kill" any nation, large or small, which dares challenge the ambitions to rule the world, of international forced which have already demolished your own barricades of integrity, loyalty and truth?

And do not, I beg of you, overlook the United States of America where you have carried on a perpetual guerilla warfar against our own people, who have always been the ultimate victims of this strategy of world violence; 400 years of genocide against the American Indians; the pauperization of our people (red, white, yollow, block), reduced to beggary in this land teeming with abundance; all shaken into the same swindling, thieving pot to fatten the handful at the top; burdened with a debt of 1500 billion dollars which, can never be paid and to which they must remain shackled forever; cheating them with counterfeit, printing press money costing nothing to print but, at the point of a gun, collecting blood money of 150 billion dollars interest per year; destroying their constitutional liberties; reducing our Congress to puppets; converting the Supreme Court, Department of Justice and the courts, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Pentagon, CIA and the rest of official bureaucracy, into "fast guns" to impose a police state to beat to death any who resist as the Harlem police clubbed the Negroes? You make a big production of the murder of three "Rights" workers in Mississippi, and rightly so, but when do you ever make a big production of the murder of thousands in Asia, North Viet Name, South Viet Nam, Buddhists, or anyone else murdered by Robert McNamara and his Pentagon collaborationists. McNamara reassures us by stating that "only a few" civilians died in the attack by our planes, but who in the Hell gave him, or Johnson, or the Pentagon, or anyone else a mandate to murder anyone, either civilians or military? Does the murderer define the limits of his own crime?

In 1898 the damnable Hearst Harlots incited the Spanish American War by conspiring to explode a bomb inside the Battleship Main. Since them, backed by the total power of the yellow press of the United States, they have incited to like crimes all over the world, in every murderous international adventure of the big money and Vatican internationalists who have been at the root of all of our wars during my lifetime. It is they who rigged the phoney "Rights" issue to re-elect John F. Kennedy, which was backfired into the face of Lyndon B. Johnson to make his election problematical. We knew that at the proper time a war would be provoked to overcome this handicap, and have been waiting for it. But another serious challenge emerged to challenge Johnson. LBJ, a notorious "river boat gambler"with a long record of firing from the hip found it necessary to out-bang "Bang-Bang-Barry" who claimed to be a faster gun, and who must be denied the opportunity to draw first. Hence the war. These same scoundrels are as fully capable of rigging an H-bomb war by bombing Washington with our own bombers, as they were of bombing the Maine. We may even reasonably presume that the attack by the two PT boats on our destroyers (and perhaps on our invisible submarines maneuvering in the area) was rigged by the CIA, by bribery or otherwise, to dreate the war phobia.